

IT'S A DEATH TRAP.

Government Experts Say the Ellis Island Building Is Unsafe.

Improperly Constructed of Poor Materials.

A High Wind Would Wreck It and Imperil Many Lives.

The new government immigration building on Ellis Island has been condemned by expert government architects, who declared that its construction is a fraud and that it is in danger of falling to pieces.

The experts have made a careful investigation of the structure, which cost the people \$400,000, or nearly \$400,000 more than the original estimates made by Secretary Windom called for.

ELLIS ISLAND IMMIGRANT DEPOT.

The testimony of the experts referred to was given yesterday before the joint immigration committee of the Senate and House at Washington, and were appointed to investigate the work and materials in the Ellis Island building.

The revelations which they made were startling, and disclosed a state of affairs much worse than had been suspected. One of the experts was James Nelson, who had made a thorough inspection of every part of the structure, a work which occupied him several days.

"As an architect," Mr. Nelson tells the committee, "I would unhesitatingly condemn the building from front to back, from roof to floor, and in its present condition cannot be regarded as safe."

This positive statement, in view of the fact that the building has only been occupied since January last, is almost most in the members of the joint committee.

Mr. Nelson went on to specify further in detail the condition of the building, and he had found it. One evidence of its faulty construction was the poor and cheap material that had been employed in every part of the building.

The foundation of the building, he said, was of a masonry character, and that part was badly constructed. The walls were of a masonry character, and that part was badly constructed. The roof was of a masonry character, and that part was badly constructed.

The roof was not strongly enough supported; it was in a bad and leaky condition, and in its present condition it would be likely to collapse under a heavy snow.

As a remedy for the defects in the foundation he would suggest that the entire floor of the main building be replaced by a new one, and that the walls be replaced by a new one, and that the roof be replaced by a new one.

The cost of these repairs, he estimated at \$150,000, but he stated that he would be glad to have the privilege of reproducing all the buildings on Ellis Island.

"It was a building," he declared, "that the government should never have accepted, as it clearly did not, and it was a waste of money."

The committee, after a long discussion, decided to accept the report of the experts, and to order the building to be replaced by a new one.

PARK CONTRACT BIDS.

Estimates for Work in Central and Mount Morris Parks.

The Park Commissioners met this afternoon to award contracts for improving the Plaza at One Hundred and Tenth street and Fifth avenue and for the building of a music-stand and the construction of a railing around Mount Morris Park.

For the work of improving the Plaza at One Hundred and Tenth street and Fifth avenue the bid of F. Thellman, Jr., \$7,400, was the lowest. Other bidders were: Terence E. Smith, \$8,100; A. E. Moran, \$9,125; W. H. Smith, \$9,575; and Joseph Moore, \$10,985.

For the building of a music-stand and the construction of a railing around Mount Morris Park the bid of Stephen Ruddy, \$10,550, was the lowest. Other bidders were: Joseph Moore, \$10,985; and W. H. Smith, \$9,575.

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A PRIEST'S UNSEEMLY WORDS.

Abuse of Parnell and Parnellites Nearly Causes a Riot.

Cholera's March in Russia—Cable News of the Day.

Dublin, June 30.—Archbishop Walsh has written a circular letter to the Catholic clergy stating that language directly calculated to incite to turbulence has been addressed to the people, and declaring that it is the plain duty of the clergy to use their best efforts to preserve the tranquillity of the country.

Multitudinously with the appearance of this circular letter there appears a speech by Father Hehan, delivered at a meeting of anti-Parnellites. Father Hehan says that Parnell was a curse to the country, and that he had been down to the grave, where his bones are now rotting.

That the Parnellites did homage to lasciviousness. Every man living a loose life, every drunkard, every man who liked to beat his wife was a Parnellite. Every virtuous man belonged to the National Federation, and every man who was not a Parnellite was a traitor.

This statement added fuel to the fire of the Parnellite rage, and an incredible uproar followed. Father Hehan asked the anti-Parnellites to throw the Parnellites out of the meeting room. Some of the anti-Parnellites ventured to carry out this request, whereupon Father Hehan said he would call the police and have the Parnellites imprisoned.

A voice in the crowd here exclaimed: "The day that is over." This caused heavy cheering.

When the meeting dispersed the presence of the police was the only thing that prevented fighting.

The Dublin Independent (Parnellite) says that if any man used such language as that of Father Hehan he would be imprisoned, and the people of Dublin have ensured this by their own action.

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FRANCES CLEVELAND CLUB.

Women Organize to Promote the Ex-President's Election.

Peace Restored Between Annexed District Democratic Factions.

There is a prospect that women will take a decided and influential part in the political campaign that has just opened, and their clubs are already being formed. When the election of 1880 was held, the result was found that they had received a rebuff at the polls more emphatic than had ever been given by a political party, ex-president Cleveland explained it in a letter to the women.

When they went shopping, that the lady passed Mr. Cleveland, and that was the reason for their own going, for the table and the influence of the household. They were home and influenced their husbands, fathers and sons so that the result was a majority in the election of more than 1,000,000 votes against the Republican Congressmen who had passed the McKinley bill.

Women cannot vote, but they can argue, and each woman has only one less vote than each man stump-speaker of campaign worker.

The first women's campaign club in New York to organize is the Frances Cleveland Club, which was organized by Mrs. Mary E. O'Connell, who was the first to speak at the meeting.

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THE THIRD PARTY'S CHANCES.

Mr. Springer Finds They May Involve the Balance of Power.

Chairman Taubeneck's Glowing Hopes for Gresham's Candidacy.

Chicago, June 30.—Congressman Springer is in the Palmer House on his way to his summer home at Traverse Lake.

"The result of the People's party convention at Omaha may cut a considerable figure in the November election," said Mr. Springer. "In many of the States of the South and West the new party will have a strong following that the electoral ticket may be lost to both the Republicans and Democrats."

In fact, in some of the States where the Democrats are in a hopeless minority, they will not put up an electoral ticket, but will put the People's party electors on the regular Democratic ticket, in hopes that they may thereby prevent the Republican electors from getting a majority of the votes cast. If this can be done in enough States, there will be no doubt as to the result of the election, and as to who will sit in the White House after March 4.

The new People's party is not the old Farmer Alliance alone. It is a coalition of the Farmer Alliance, the old voters party, and members of various other parties, such as the Greenbackers, the Grangers and the Independents. In Pennsylvania, the followers of Mr. Powderly, to the number of 100,000, will vote for the nominee of the Omaha Convention, and as many of these will be taken over by the Democrats, Pennsylvania may be decided for the Democrats.

It requires a majority of the votes of the Electoral College to make a candidate President, and if the People's party can get a balance of power and keep both the Republicans and Democrats from having a majority the election will be thrown into the House of Representatives, and the party will be cast into the hands of the House.

The vote in the House of Representatives, in case the Electoral College failed to select, would be by States and not by the representation in Congress. Each State would have one vote, and the vote would be cast by the majority of the members of the House.

A State that has twenty representatives in Congress, nine of them Republicans and eleven Democrats, would cast its vote for the Democratic nominee. As something like thirty of the forty-four States are Democrats, looked at from this standpoint the balance of power is in the hands of the Democrats.

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PLUNGED OFF A HIGH WALL.

A Young Woman Attempts Suicide at Morningside Park.

She Leaped from the Parapet, but Was Not Fatally Hurt.

Susan Fisher, twenty years old, a servant in the McKim family at 300 West One Hundred and Sixteenth street, made a desperate effort to end her life this morning by jumping from the parapet in Morningside Park at One Hundred and Seventeenth street.

There was a single eye-witness to the girl's fearful leap. This was Peter Kuhn, a suitor who was waiting his garden at One Hundred and Eighteenth street, just off the Park. The young woman, who was dressed in a light-colored dress, was seen to leap from the parapet, and she fell into the water below.

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